

APPENDIX A  
(Clean Copy of Amended Claim(s))

Sub E17  
1. (Three Times Amended) A method for producing an embossing plate having a surface with at least one depression in the form of at least one continuous line brought into the surface of the embossing plate, characterized in that the at least one line defines an outline and a limited partial area of the surface, an edge of the partial area defining a desired contour, and a tool track located within the desired contour being determined from the desired contour and a predetermined desired depth determining a penetration depth of an engraving tool, the engraving tool being controlled along said track such that a material of said partial area is removed within the desired contour at the predetermined desired depth.

Sub F37  
24. (Three Times Amended) An embossing or intaglio printing plate having a surface with at least one engraved depression in the form of a line, said at least one depression having flanks, a bottom, and a residual area ~~base engraved~~ <sup>so that</sup> into said at least one depression, a width of said residual area base being smaller than a width of the at least one depression, characterized in that the residual area base is meander-shaped or extends at least in partial areas parallel to a direction of said at least one line. <sup>7 sort of</sup>  
→ still 42, 1st, I think ok, see p. 6, l. 3-13

25. (Three Times Amended) The embossing or intaglio printing plate of claim 24, characterized in that the residual area base is present on the bottom of the at least one depression, on at least one of the flanks of the at least one depression, or on both the bottom and the at least one of the flanks of the at least one depression.

Sub F47  
28. (Twice Amended) The embossing or intaglio printing plate of claim 24, characterized in that the residual area base defines a roughness.

29. (Twice Amended) The embossing or intaglio printing plate of claim 24, characterized in that the residual area base is incorporated in the form of characters, pictures, or patterns.

30. (Twice Amended) The embossing or intaglio printing plate of claim 24, characterized in

that the residual area base represents machine-readable information.

31. (Twice Amended) The embossing or intaglio printing plate of claim 24, characterized in that the residual area base is executed in the form of grooves.

32. (Twice Amended) The embossing or intaglio printing plate of claim 24, characterized in that the residual area base is brought in with the aid of a laser beam.

33. (Twice Amended) The embossing or intaglio printing plate of claim 24, characterized in that the residual area base is brought in with a mechanical chisel.

37. (New) The method of claim 1, further comprising taking into account the width of said tool before forming said desired contour.

38. (New) The method of claim 1, further comprising choosing the spacing between said tool track for removing said limited partial area to produce a desired roughness structure.

39. (New) The method of claim 1, further comprising forming a second depression to define a second desired contour and a second limited partial area in said limited partial area, said tool track in said second limited partial area is at a second penetration depth.

40. (New) The method of claim 1, further comprising forming a second depression to define a second desired contour and a second limited partial area in said limited partial area, said tool track in said second limited partial area is at a second penetration depth; taking into account the width of said tool before forming said desired contour and said second desired contour; and, choosing the spacing between said tool tracks for removing said partial area and said second partial area to produce a desired roughness structure.

41. (New) An embossing or intaglio printing plate of claim 24, further comprising an engraving tool with a width, said width being entered into a calculation of said at least one

plate does NOT include a tool

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